

*The Tie That Binds*

# Abiding Love Lutheran Church

7210 Brush Country Road  
Austin, Texas 78749

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



Holy Communion will be served at the 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services on Sun., Dec. 23rd, and at both Worship Services on Sun., Dec. 30th.

*Love Letter No. 1190*

*December 19, 2007*



## *Abiding Love Lutheran Church*

**Pastor:** M. David Fetter, Jr.  
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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

**8:30 a.m. - WORSHIP** (Sanctuary)  
**8.30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. — NURSERY** (3 years & under)  
**9:30 - 9:45 a.m.—Coffee/Fellowship** (Reception Area)  
**9:45 - 10:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. — all ages  
**2 & 3 Years Old** — No class on Dec. 23  
**Pre-K & Kindergarten** — No class on Dec. 23  
**1st & 2nd Grade** — No class on Dec. 23  
**3rd, 4th & 5th Grade** — No class on Dec. 23  
**Middle School** — 2nd Story, M.S. Youth Room 204  
**Sr. High** — 2nd Story, Sr. High Youth Room 203  
**Adult "Bible Boosters"**— Classroom 1&2 (Worship Ctr.)  
**Adult "Study on Amos"** — No class on Dec. 23  
**Adult "Gospel of Matthew"**—No class on Dec. 23

**11:00 a.m.—WORSHIP** (Sanctuary)

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### **STAFF:**

**Office Administrator:** Cindy Kunz  
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**Business Assistant:** Joan Hokanson  
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**Assistant Pianist:** Laurie Donovan

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**Abiding Love Lutheran Church web site address:**  
[www.abidinglove.org](http://www.abidinglove.org)

**Children's Center Director:** Donna Eastty  
(Center Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)  
Phone: 892-2777

**Our Children's Center web site address:**  
[www.main.org/allcdc](http://www.main.org/allcdc)

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*The Greatest Gift*

A Christmas Card  
From Your Church Staff

*Where Would We Be Without Jesus?*

*He was born of a woman so we could be born of God...  
He humbled Himself so we could be lifted up...  
He became a servant so we could be made heirs...  
He suffered rejection so we could be his friends...  
He denied Himself so we could freely receive all things...  
He gave Himself so He could bless us in every way!*

*May You Know His Love This Christmas*



*And He will be called Jesus*

*Pastor David Fetter*

*Pastor Lynnae Sorensen*

*Cindy Kunz*

*Karron G. Lewis*

*Joan Hokanson*

*Janea Escobedo*

*Tammy Santos*

*Laurie Donovan*

*Donna Eastty*

*"Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ JESUS our Lord"! (Romans 8:39)*

**Christmas Worship Schedule**



**Sunday, Dec. 23rd**

8:30 a.m.—Christmas Carol Communion Service  
11:00 a.m.—Mixed Blessings "Christmas Card", with Holy Communion



**Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24th**

6:00 p.m.—Candles & Carols  
8:00 p.m.—Candles & Carols with Mixed Blessings

**No Service on Christmas Day**



**Merry Christmas!**

..PEOPLE.....PEOPLE.....PEOPLE..

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Marilyn Segner  
c/o MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Room G 1054  
P.O. Box 300206  
Houston, TX 77230  
Phone: 713/834-8968  
Phyllis "Sally" Krieg, Seton, ICU



**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** Margaret Dove  
John England

**HOME FROM DAY SURGERY:** Rex Medcalf  
Gloria Kizer  
Ben Collins  
Cindy Atwell

**DEATH:** Durwood Koehler, Travis Koehler's brother

**PRAYER-REQUESTS:**

** Denise Alaimo	** Andy Whitney
** Sylvia Davis	** Eva Marie Cesar
** Amber Karley	** Dr. August Wenzel
** Edna Graeber	** Tom Thomas
** Carolyn Johnson	** Meagan Prehn
** Blake Johnson	** Dennis Baker
** Gene Zimmermann	** Joyce Kuntschik
** Christian-Charles de Plicque	** Jim Sorensen

\*\* For the family & friends of Cody Kutach at his death.  
\*\* Marsha & Charles Donovan (Laurie's parents)  
\*\* Carrie Ann Stinson (Mary Ann & Kenneth Eichler's niece)  
\*\* Auburn Traycik (Lisa Beach's sister)  
\*\* Kenneth Almquist (Diane Albin's father)  
\*\* Herbert Frels (Lori Frels' father)  
\*\* David Cosner (friend of the Kikta family)  
\*\* Jeff Byers (friend of Gil & Tracy Yetter)  
\*\* Marlene Quintara (cousin of Gisela Armstrong)  
\*\* Nicholas Thompson & parents, Trent & Sonji (friends of Mike & Holly Leoni)  
\*\* Clayton Matthys (Lloyd's brother)  
\*\* Jim West (Mary Fetter's nephew)  
\*\* Dawn Hudgens (Erv & Barb Merz's daughter)

Prayers of safety for the following:

\*\* LCpl Matt Hohertz serving in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps  
\*\* Staff Sgt. Paul Buaas (son of Monte Jane Buaas) who is serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army Reserves.  
\*\* Sgt. Adrian Edmundson serving in Iraq with the Texas National Guard Reserves.  
\*\* Sgt. Christy Kikta (U.S. Army) & daughter, Zoe  
\*\* 2nd Lt. Melanie Meier (USAF)  
\*\* MSgt Michael Eichler (USAF)  
\*\* Frank Castro, USAF in South Korea  
\*\* Chris Glaser serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army.  
\*\* For all those in the military services overseas.

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**BIRTH:** Austin Van Dyke born on Dec. 13th.  
Parents: Zephyr & Ryan Van Dyke  
Grandparents: Pat & Bob Koch  
"Praise God for this precious gift of new life!"

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**Christian-Charles dePlicque** writes: "Merry Christmas Precious Church Family!" A special Christmas card is posted on our bulletin board. Christian-Charles has also notified us that his newly arranged CD, "Spirit In The Dark", is available at his website: [www.deplicque.net](http://www.deplicque.net) You may correspond with Christian-Charles via email at: [shalom.ahimma@pp.inet.fi](mailto:shalom.ahimma@pp.inet.fi)

**REMINDER:** ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson Featured in CBS's "In God's Name", Dec. 23rd, at 8:00 p.m.

**Gracious**

**Glorious**

**Marvelous**



Gracious times for us all  
That a precious time was given  
To be closer to God's call

Glorious is the presence now  
Sing the glory to us all  
For blessings on us bestowed

Marvelous is the birth  
To all the glory shown  
That came to us on this earth

Gracious is the Lord our God  
Glorious is the gift to us given  
Marvelous is the Savior to us

Dennis Broste '07  
Member of Abiding Love

**Sunday School Schedule**

**On Sunday, December 23rd, there will be no Sunday School for 2 years old through 5th Grade.** Middle School, Sr. High School and Adult "Bible Boosters", please check with your teachers to find out if you are meeting. Pastor Lynnae's class will not be meeting, and Erv Merz' class will not be meeting on Dec. 23rd.

**On Sunday, December 30th, Denise Tharp** will be the Sunday Morning Coordinator. She will show a video in the Commons Area on the 2nd Floor for classes 2 years through 5th grade. All other classes will meet as regularly scheduled.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

Dec. 24—Laura Bost, Kevan Drake, Rose Leoni  
Dec. 25—Diane Albin  
Dec. 26—Madison Lewis, Richard Rivera  
Dec. 27—Daniel Page  
Dec. 28—Sherri Karley, Paul Schattenberg  
Dec. 30—J.D. Bostick, Beth Rivera  
Dec. 31—Amanda Kunz  
Jan. 1—Travis Gonzalez, Cheryl Lundberg  
Jan. 2—Kora Renfro  
Jan. 3—Clark Beach  
Jan. 4—Murray Collins, Karron Lewis  
Jan. 6—Di Brophy  
Jan. 8—John Kuntschik, Coleen Thompson, Kelly Wyatt  
Jan. 10—R.H. Heidemeyer  
Jan. 11—Janice Duncan, Jonathan Jones  
Jan. 12—Erik Atwell, Mason Tate



**BULLETIN BOARD**

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER** will be mailed on Wed., Jan. 9th. Please get your articles to the church office by Mon., Jan. 7th. Articles may be sent via e-mail to [abidinglove@austin.rr.com](mailto:abidinglove@austin.rr.com) or to [jhokanson@austin.rr.com](mailto:jhokanson@austin.rr.com), brought by the office on a diskette, CD or handwritten. Thank you notes or short announcements may be called in to Joan or Cindy, 892-4040.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 23RD:  
"Fourth Sunday of Advent"**



Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**BIBLE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 30TH:  
"First Sunday of Christmas"**



Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH:**

Worship - 136 (8:30) + 164 (11:00) = 300 (Total)

Sunday School - 92

\*Offerings - \$10,479.76 (Current) + \$6335.00 (Debt Fund) +

\*Other Offerings - \$75.00 (Building Fund) +

\$25.00 (Good Samaritan Fund) +

\$1,205.00 (Food Pantry) +

\$100.00 (ELCA Hunger) +

\$100.00 (ELCA Disaster) +

\$100.00 (Choir Music) +

\$250.00 (Golf Tournament Sponsor) +

\$20.00 (Evangelical Lutheran Worship book)

\*NOTE: These offerings include those given through Simply Giving.

**The Food Pantry will be closed:**

**Monday, December 24th**

**Monday, December 31st**

**THANK YOU!**

- ◆ From Pastor Lynnae: "At times of loss it is heart warming to know that so many are remembering you in prayer. Thank you for all the cards, memorials and prayers at the loss of my Uncle Jim Jensen. Uncle Jim was a faithful Christian and an active Lutheran. I know that he is out of pain and basking in God's glory. Thanks again."
- ◆ To the "secret pals" in the Sarah Circle from Pastor Lynnae: "Thank you for all the special gifts this past year! You surprised me! Your thoughtfulness was always a little blessing left in bright colored packages!"
- ◆ From Alta & Oran Percy to the Christmas Carolers for caroling on Dec. 15th.
- ◆ To Andrea Wyatt for working in the flower beds.
- ◆ To Paul Atkinson, Kenneth Eichler, Lloyd Matthys and Pat Dove for helping with Property Workday on Dec. 15th.
- ◆ To our Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Pianists, Narrators and Sound Technicians for leading our morning worship services on Dec. 16th with the "Seasons of Wonders—Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas" Musical!
- ◆ To everyone who helped with the Sunday School Christmas Play on Dec. 16th, especially Paige Abbott, Director.
- ◆ To everyone who brought food for the Christmas Party following the Christmas Play on Dec. 16th.
- ◆ To the Parish Fellowship Board for providing the special "goodie bags" at the Christmas Party on Dec. 16th!
- ◆ To everyone who participated in the Christmas Caroling caravan on Sat., Dec. 15th... the carolers, drivers, cards made by 4th & 5th grade youth group and cooks of the soup supper!
- ◆ From Pastor Fetter to the Naomi Circle for their many expressions of love and encouragement as his "secret friends" in 2007!

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♥ **MEMORIALS:**

General Fund

For Dr. Earl Howard by Sherry & Royce Abrahamson.

For Mrs. Mickie Hrcir by Sherry & Royce Abrahamson.

Good Samaritan Fund

For Ida Von Quintus by Annette Smith.

Food Pantry

For Miles Kight by Ruth Shane.

Choir Music

For Bill Strickland by Johnnie Strickland.

♥ **SPECIAL GIFT:**

Good Samaritan Fund

In honor of Mark Smith by Annette Smith.

**Middle School Youth Group**

The Middle School Youth are going to the movies! On Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup>, all middle school youth are encouraged to bring a friend and experience an inspiring journey to the North Pole, as seen in IMAX 3D. That's right! We're going to see "The Polar Express" at the Bob Bullock Museum.

RSVP to Janea if you're interested. The cost will be \$8.00 per youth. We will be preordering the tickets, so PLEASE email us ASAP. [allcyouth@austin.rr.com](mailto:allcyouth@austin.rr.com)

**Skit Preview!**

The Sr. High ROCK Youth Group would like to invite the congregation to watch the FIRST showing of the skit they will be performing for the Southwestern Texas Synod Sr. High Gathering. This skit will show how hard it is to battle with the temptations in the world today and how Jesus is always there to rescue us when we call His name.

We will be performing for you on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. This will be a very short skit and we hope you can all make it by to see us.

The **Upper Room Ministry** for our youth will be meeting again on Sun., Jan. 6th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Sr. High youth will be attending the SWT Synod Gathering in Kerrville, December 28<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>

A special "**College Students Sunday**" will be observed at Worship Services on Sunday, December 30th.

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

† **MISSION STATEMENT:** Growing in the Holy Spirit to serve God and celebrate the love Jesus Christ has for all people. †